



The Women & Politics Institute is pleased to announce **Madison Wheeler** as the winner of the Drew Waverly Patterson Award, which honors students who are civic-minded and work for the good of all people. Madison is a junior in the School of Public Affairs, majoring in Communications, Legal Institutions, Economics, and Government (CLEG). In her time at AU, she has shown a commitment to WPI's mission of closing the gender gap in political leadership through her extracurricular activities and coursework. Serving in Student Government, Madison coordinated health and self-care programming for the Women's Initiative. She has also focused on gender justice issues in her courses, taking Women, Power and Politics and Gender Roles in the Economy. She plans to apply to law schools in various urban areas around the United States, including the

American University Washington College of Law. She hopes to focus her legal career on criminal defense for indigent clients. She is also interested in political advocacy to expand the right to counsel.